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Transportation Building Nears Completion

The 12,000 sq. ft. Sac and Fox Nation Transportation, Elders and Veterans Building in Stroud is nearing completion, according to Project Manager Randle Carter. Workers are shown installing the concrete driveways and parking lot at the facility. Due to health safety precautions, a grand opening date has not been determined. (Photo by Mike Brown)

In 1912 World Olympics Pictureworks Seeks to Restore Thorpe's Status As Sole Gold Medal Champ

by Chris Taylor

Pictureworks Entertainment, in conjunction with tribal partners, the National Congress of American Indians, and several of Jim Thorpe's descendants, on July 15 announced the launch of "Take Back What Was Stolen," an initiative to restore legendary Native American athlete and icon Jim Thorpe's status as the sole gold medal champion of the 1912 Olympic decathlon and pentathlon.

One-hundred-eight years ago to the day, Thorpe shattered Olympic records, the petition to "Take Back What Was Stolen" called on the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to reinstate his rightful status as the one and true gold medal winner in the track and field events he dominated during the 1912 Summer Olympics.

Breaking Olympic records and

overcoming racial barriers

Jim Thorpe didn't just break Olympic records in Stockholm in 1912 -- he broke barriers, winning two gold medals at a

time when Native Americans weren't even recognized as U.S. citizens. From being forced to travel to the Olympics in inferior accommodations compared to his white teammates, to having his track shoes stolen in an attempt to thwart his chances of winning, Thorpe overcame tremendous hardship and mistreatment on his path to gold. But while generations of sports fans likely know his story of triumph, few people know that Jim Thorpe's iconic legacy was stolen less than a year after he won.

In 1913, the IOC stripped Thorpe of his wins after a smear campaign revealed that he'd played minor league baseball prior to the 1912 Summer Games. Although he'd earned meager pay, essentially playing for room and board, the IOC's rules at the time barred potential Olympians from participating in any kind of sports activity for pay, in order to be classified as an amateur and compete.

It didn't matter that Thorpe was denied an opportunity to defend himself before his accusation. (Continued on Page 9)

Sac and Fox Student Dives Into Acting at Summer Arts Institute

Sac and Fox student Kyleigh Garmon, of Lawton, Okla., was among 270 young artists from across the state who were selected through a competitive audition process to attend the 2020 Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute (OSAI).

The young artists spent a week studying with internationally renowned faculty and celebrity guest artists. The attendees were selected from over 1,000 applicants during a competitive statewide audition process last winter, and they studied one of eight artistic disciplines: acting, chorus, creative writing, dance, drawing & painting, film & video, orchestra or photography.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute could not be held at the usual location at Quartz Mountain in southwestern Oklahoma. But, instead of canceling the program, the organization created robust online programming called "OSAI at

Home." Kyleigh took part in the OSAI at Home to study acting.

With even more instructors than usual and nightly presentations from superstars like Misty Copeland of American Ballet Theatre, students convened in the online world for master classes with artist-educators in their field, work-shopping and critiques, one-on-one lessons, and opportunities to build community with other young artists from across the state.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister commended the Oklahoma Arts Institute's innovative online program.

"In the face of uncertainty and change, the Oklahoma Arts Institute made a commitment to the state's most talented students that the show would, indeed, go on despite the uncertainties created by the COVID-19 pandemic," Hofmeister said.

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Chief Justin Freeland Wood's Address to the Nation

Aug. 29, 2020 Governing Council Meeting Information

Dear Tribal Member:

I am writing to provide an update on the annual meeting of the Governing Council. In light of the concerns raised by the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Business Committee has consulted with the Attorney General and public health officials to identify and analyze the options. We have been closely monitoring the situation, recognizing this unprecedented situation calls for a thorough analysis and a collaborative approach. After weeks of thoughtful discussion and research, two things are clear: we must hold a Governing Council meeting on August 29 and we must plan for the possibility of tribal members not being able to attend because of health, travel, and other logistical issues raised by the spread of COVID-19.

First, we must look to the Constitution of the Sac and Fox Nation. The Constitution requires that a Governing Council meeting occur on the last Saturday of August of every year. The constitution does not state that the Principal Chief has the authority to "call" the August meeting, nor does it give me the authority to cancel the August meeting. The August meeting is set by the Constitution. The specific language can be found in Article VIII of the Constitution, "There shall be a meeting of the Governing Council the last Saturday of August of each year."

The Constitution does not provide for a "virtual" or "hybrid" meeting option. We do not have the constitutional framework to conduct a Governing Council meeting on a virtual forum. While we livestream Governing Council meetings via Facebook as a courtesy, members do not vote virtually and they are not counted for quorum. We are working to address this issue, but it is not an available option at this time.

In light of the possible difficulties for tribal members to attend the August meeting, it is important to be proactive and identify solutions moving forward. Based on the feedback received from tribal members, it is highly possible that we will not have a quorum on August 29 and will not be able to take any action. Many of you have told me that you do not feel comfortable attending the August meeting because of the recent spike in COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma. This is understandable; we must prioritize our health and safety.

Because of the constitutional mandate, we must make plans to hold a Governing Council meeting on the last Saturday in August. The Governing Council meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at the Sac and Fox Community Building, with safety precautions being implemented. At precisely 10:00 am on August 29, I will call the meeting to order. By simply calling the meeting to order, the constitutional meeting requirement will be met. If there is not a quorum, I will immediately adjourn the meeting. If there is a quorum, we will move forward with the agenda.

The only action items on the agenda are approval of the 2019 Governing Council meeting minutes. The Business Committee is working with the Attorney General and our staff to identify possible alternatives to approve these minutes, such as a referendum vote via mail. The Business Committee has not placed any other items on the August meeting agenda, and we have not received any agenda item requests from members of the Governing Council. We will mail the Governing Council packet to members of the Governing Council for your review (by request). Please call 918-968-3526 Extension 1002. We will also post

the packet online.

If you choose to attend the meeting on August 29, please note the following safety precautions will be in place (based on recommendations from health officials): meals and refreshments will not be served, masks will be required, and strict social distancing measures will be enforced. Masks will be provided. I recognize that the social aspect of the Governing Council meeting is very important, but these precautions are necessary to protect our health. The logistics of serving a buffet meal to a large group make it difficult to comply with safety guidelines. Additionally, program directors will not be present to answer questions. In order to maintain social distancing, we must reserve building capacity for members of the Governing Council. Department reports will be included in the packet for your review.

We do not want tribal members to risk their health to attend because they think the August meeting is the only opportunity

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Kyleigh Garmon, of Lawton, Okla., is pictured taking part in the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute's online program to study acting. (Photo courtesy of Becky Holladay, OAI)



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Obituaries



Mary Elizabeth (Black) Osborn

Mary Elizabeth (Black) Osborn

Graveside Services were held for Mary Elizabeth (Black) Osborn at Frederick Memorial Cemetery, Frederick, OK, on Saturday, July 18, 2020 with her son, David Johnson officiating under the direction of Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home in Walters, OK.

Mary Elizabeth (Black) Osborn was born to Marie Rose (Carter) and Amos Earl Black, II on September 25, 1933 in the Pawnee, OK, Indian Hospital and departed this life in Walters, OK on July 15, 2020 at the age of 86 years, 9 months and 20 days.

Mary grew up southwest of Cushing, OK in the Happy Valley Community. She attended Happy Valley through the 8th grade and then attended Cushing High, graduating in 1950. She went onto OU Nursing School, graduating with her RN in 1954.

She married Roger Gene Johnson on October 2, 1954 and made their home in Frederick, OK. She started and taught an LPN School at the Tillman County Memorial Hospital from 1968-1973. She was named Frederick's "Most Useful Citizen" in 1969. Roger preceded her in death on March 27, 1974. She later married Max Osborn in June of 1977 and made their home at Ponca City, OK. Mary worked on and off as a nurse and retired from Indian Health Service at White Eagle Indian Clinic south of Ponca City. She also owned and operated Ideal Reality in Ponca City from 1979 to 1991.

Mary participated in Ponca City's First Baptist Church Silver Choir, a traveling Choir with her mother for many years. She played the piano and organ at the Church of God in Ponca City. She shared her loved of music for singing at many church and community events.

Mary (Sac & Fox name, No-Sha-Ko) served her Sac & Fox Nation as a member of the Sac & Fox Black Hawk Health Board and along with her sister and others, raised money to build a Chapel on the Sac & Fox Reservation. She was named Sac & Fox Elder of the Year in 2004 and was recognized at the Sac & Fox Annual Pow Wow.

She was preceded in death by her father, Amos Earl Black, II (1954) and mother, Marie Rose Carter Black (1999); her husband, Dr. Roger Gene Johnson (1974); husband, Max Osborn (1997); her sister, Marjorie Black Roane (2013); and a son, Timothy Earl Johnson (2013); her brother, Amos Earl Black, III (2014); and a nephew, Amos E. Black, IV (2008).

She is survived by a son, David Gene Johnson and wife Susan of Walters, OK; 2 grandsons, Eli Johnson and wife Teresa of Walters, and Levi Johnson and Charlotte of Oklahoma City; 6 great grandchildren, Gabriel, Elijah, Jeremiah, Triastan, Desmond and Sarah; nephew Sam Roane and daughter, Iris; nephew Josh Black and wife, Amy and children Carter, Eva and Olivia; other relatives and friends.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes
are now accessible on the Website
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Sarah Leigh Bass

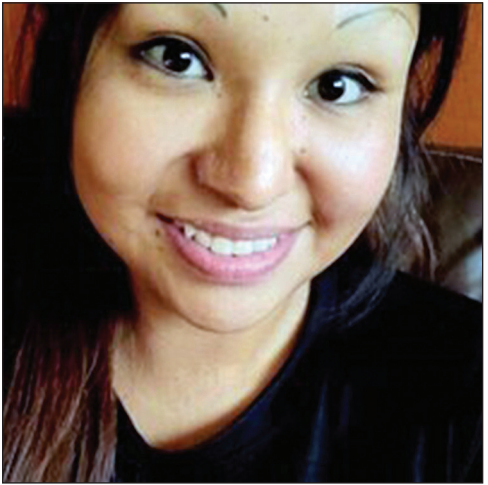
Sarah Leigh Bass, a longtime Cushing, Okla. resident, passed away on Friday, June 19, 2020 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 31.

Sarah was born on July 10, 1989 in Cushing, Okla. to Gerald and Peggy (Blue) Bass. Sarah attended school in Cushing. She was a homemaker and loved spending time with her children. Sarah loved to travel around the country.

She is survived by 4 children: Tylan Blaize Bass 12, Timbraly Skye Shadowen 11, Daleighysa Rae Bass 9 and Xaine Izek Cox 7. She also leaves behind siblings: Kerri Hysaw, Hunter Keyworth, Cheyenne Bass, Braden Bass and Wyatt Bass; father, Gerald Bass; nieces and nephews: Hayden Bass, Isaiah Hysaw, Natalia Hysaw, Justin Hysaw, Lillian Hayne and Jaxton Keyworth.

Funeral services were held June 23, 2020 at Palmer Marler Funeral Home

Chapel, Cushing, Okla., with Pastor Steve Jordan officiating. Interment followed at Hunter Cemetery, Cushing, Okla.



Sarah Leigh Bass

Announcement

From the Sac and Fox Nation RAP department:

Applicants that are living within the Sac and Fox Nation jurisdiction and **HAVE NOT** received assistance from the following **RAP** health programs:

- Dental
- Vision
- Dentures
- Hearing Aids

Please contact our Black Hawk Health Center @ (918) 968-9531 to setup a referral appointment to receive assistance through our contract health program.

Happy August Birthday Elders!

Donald Richard Jones
Gary Lee Cuppawhe
Emma Rivas
Valerie Dawn Collette
Herbert Daniel Walker
Janet Gail White

Cheryl Ann Pennington
Senecah Damian Blaisdale
Grover Keith Morris
Shari Lynn Hanger
Elmer Benson Walker
Marie Tredway
Sandra Ann Topping
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Arletta Mae Gallaway
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Charles David Brown
Lois Ann Carter

Mary J. Manydeeds
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Beverly Sue Kimble
Daniel Gutierrez
Walter Jack Miles
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Tammy Jo Brown
Denice Lynn Whitebead
Kenneth Edmund Miller
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Ferell E. Longshore
Gloria Elaine Gunter
Richard Lee Monday
Phillip R. Decker

Keith Edward Franklin
Terri Mack McClung
Jacqueline Ann Jones
Jack Allen Tiger
Judith Lynne Calkins
Johnny R. O'Brien

Randy Gene Harris
Karen Sue Vanderploeg
Brenda K. Nicholas
Gwendolyn F. Roubidoux
Richard Gene Masquat
Marilyn Beverly McClelland
George F. Stroebel
Mary J. Mutter
Elizabeth Kay Rhoads
Ronald E. James
David G. Morris
Samuel T. Anderson

Marilyn Rose Thurman
Jerry Whistler Snow
Ellen S. Griffith
Sandra Kay Duran
Russell Thomas Morris
Carl Edward Wallace
Walter Larry Coker
Anna Kilgore
Sherry Lee Kern
Tommy Jay Conallis
Gale Charlene Beckman
Judy F. Simmons

Claudia Patricia Cale
Paula Ann Donahoo
Larry Dean Blanchard
Joyce Ann Wolf
Brenda Colleen Haney
Norwood Masquat
James Howard Roubidoux
Zoe Hazel Williamson
Cara Lorene Mack
Donna Lynn Couteau
Henry Bentley Walker
Franklin Charles Gokey

Frankie Ben Croley
Alva Mae Horse
Robert L. Monday
Brian Tug Smith
Georgia Faye Nullake
Terri Ann Thompson
Earl Lee Eldredge
Karen L. Ingham
Billy Thurman Wakole
Debra Gail Marez
Kellie Ann Sorensen

Herbert Lee Schexnider
Eugenia Tyner-Dawson
Rita A. Megehee
John Kinzie Whistler
Hugh Stephen Hargrove
Stella M. Nullake
David Boyd Wakolee
Mary Toche Gibbs
Olinda Jean West
Ricky Martin Morgan
Cora Jeanne Lippi
Carmon Roy Clark
William Raymond Masters
Chloe Ann Davenport



General Contractor Lambert Construction Company of Stillwater, Okla. is nearing completion of the 12,000 sq. ft. Sac and Fox Nation Transportation, Elders and Veterans Building in Stroud. Workers are shown installing the concrete driveways and parking lot at the facility. Project Manager Randle Carter said due to health safety precautions, a grand opening date has not been determined. (Photo by Mike Brown)

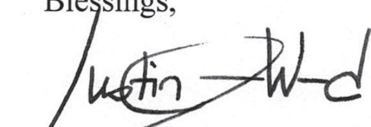
Chief Wood’s Address to the Nation (Cont. From Page 1)

to participate and engage as a member of the Governing Council. The Constitution allows me to call a special meeting of the Governing Council. I expect to call a special meeting, at a later date, when it is safer for large groups to gather. This special meeting will ensure there is a forum for discussion and action when more people can safely participate. Tribal member participation is the key to our success and progress.

Due to the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, I do not know when it will be safe to call a special meeting. Since an exact date cannot be provided at this time, I remind you that we are always available to answer your questions and discuss your concerns. You can contact me on my cell phone at (405)240-0044 or email me at justinwood@sacandfox-nation-nsn.gov.

Our priorities are protecting the health and safety of our tribal members, upholding the Constitution, and identifying practical solutions for our path forward. We understand that not everyone will agree on what is the best approach,

but all opinions are respected. We ask that you join us in protecting our Nation and our community, especially our most vulnerable. Please follow all health and safety guidelines. We will get through this difficult time together.

Blessings,

Justin F. Wood
Principal Chief

Sac and Fox Nation Officials Release Statement on *McGirt v. Oklahoma*

On July 9, 2020, the United States Supreme Court held that for the purposes of the federal Major Crimes Act, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation’s historic reservation remains Indian Country. The Sac and Fox Nation Business Committee applauded the decision in a statement released on July 9:

“Today’s ruling is an important victory. The decision confirms what we’ve always know: treaties must be honored,” said Principal Chief Justin F. Wood. “The Supreme Court correctly applied federal law and held that treaty rights can’t be ignored. I commend the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for its work to protect its territorial boundaries.”

Summer Arts Institute

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“OAI’s pivot to an online Summer Arts Institute has proven that where there’s a will, there’s a way. As a result, students across the state were able to learn and create under the tutelage of exceptional instructors and guest artists.”

Students attending OSAI at Home received specialized instruction from university professors including award-winning poet Sasha Pimentel of the University of Texas at El Paso and, actor-educator Daniel Spector of NYU’s Tisch School of the Arts. Spector said that he did not give his students the “high school version” of his curriculum, but taught his class at a collegiate level.

“While working from home provided challenges to students and faculty alike, the students and faculty found that the “Quartz Mountain Magic,” the spirit of community and collaboration, could, in fact, exist online,” said Becky Holladay, who serves as public relations coordinator for Oklahoma Arts Institute.

“Participants particularly enjoyed the nightly guest artist lectures and Q&A sessions, where the students had a chance to learn and interact with dancer Misty Copeland and other extraordinary artists, including Tony Award-winner Kelli O’Hara and creator of the “Radiolab” podcast, Jad Abumrad.

Superintendent Hofmeister applauded the students’ hard work and commitment to their art form. “I am so proud of these students. The fire inside them burns bright, and their courageous creativity will ensure a brighter future for the state of Oklahoma,” Hofmeister said.

Through its partnership with the State of Oklahoma, as well as support from numerous private donors, the Arts Institute ensures that every student accepted to OSAI receives a full scholarship to attend.

NOTICE:

Annual Governing Council Meeting
August 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
Community Building
Stroud, Oklahoma

Packets will be mailed upon request.
Please contact Pam Patterson at
918-968-3526 Extension 1002

Please see Principal Chief Wood’s letter for more information.

Sac and Fox Nation Education Department News

by Edwina Butler-Wolfe

Greetings!

The Indian Education Committee is seeking parents to serve on the IEC Committee. We have two vacancies on the board. Presently serving on the Board is Ashley Pacheco. She was appointed by Resolution SF-19-240, with a term to expire September, 2021.

The Business Committee will appoint the interested individuals by resolution. The board consists of a three-member board, Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary. To be appointed to the IEC Board one has to be legal guardians of eligible JOM students. Schools that we serve for Johnson O'Malley listed as: Agra, Chandler, Cushing, Davenport, Grove, Meeker, North Rock Creek, Pleasant Grove, Prague, Ripley, Shawnee, Stroud. If you have any questions, please call the Sac and Fox Education Department 918 968-3526, Ext: 2046.

To serve on the board you will need to send a letter of interest to the Secretary of the Sac and Fox Nation, Jacklyn King, Secretary.

We would like to see the board members be spread throughout our service area and not in one area. We have a member now that is from the Shawnee area, so we would like to see interested parents from Agra, Cushing, Chandler, Meeker, Davenport, Prague and Stroud, Ripley, area.

The purpose of the IEC is to promote the welfare of Indian children and youth in home, school, community and tribe and raise the standards of school achieve-

ment of Indian children also bring into closer relationship the home and the school so that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of Indian children and youth.

Our goal is to have a working committee and members to work on changes in the JOM Program. We need to look at updating the JOM funding of services and needs to the American Indian Students.

LET'S ALL WORK TOGETHER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OUR FUTURE PATH AND OUR LEADERS!!!


Thank you,
Edwina Butler-Wolfe
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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NOTICE

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Kids and Grandkids Are G-R-E-A-T!!

We want to feature the scholastic, academic and athletic awards or achievements of your child or grandchild of the Sac and Fox Nation! Send all pertinent information, such as name of student, town, school and grade attending, explanation of award or achievement, and names of parents and/or grandparents, along with a current photo of the student to: newspaper@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov or: Sac and Fox News, 920963 S. Hwy. 99 Stroud, OK 74079

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- Held the 1st Wednesday of every month
- 12-1 pm
- Learning Center Conference Room


Group sessions will be open to members of the Sac and Fox Community, tribal employees, and TIP Group Members.

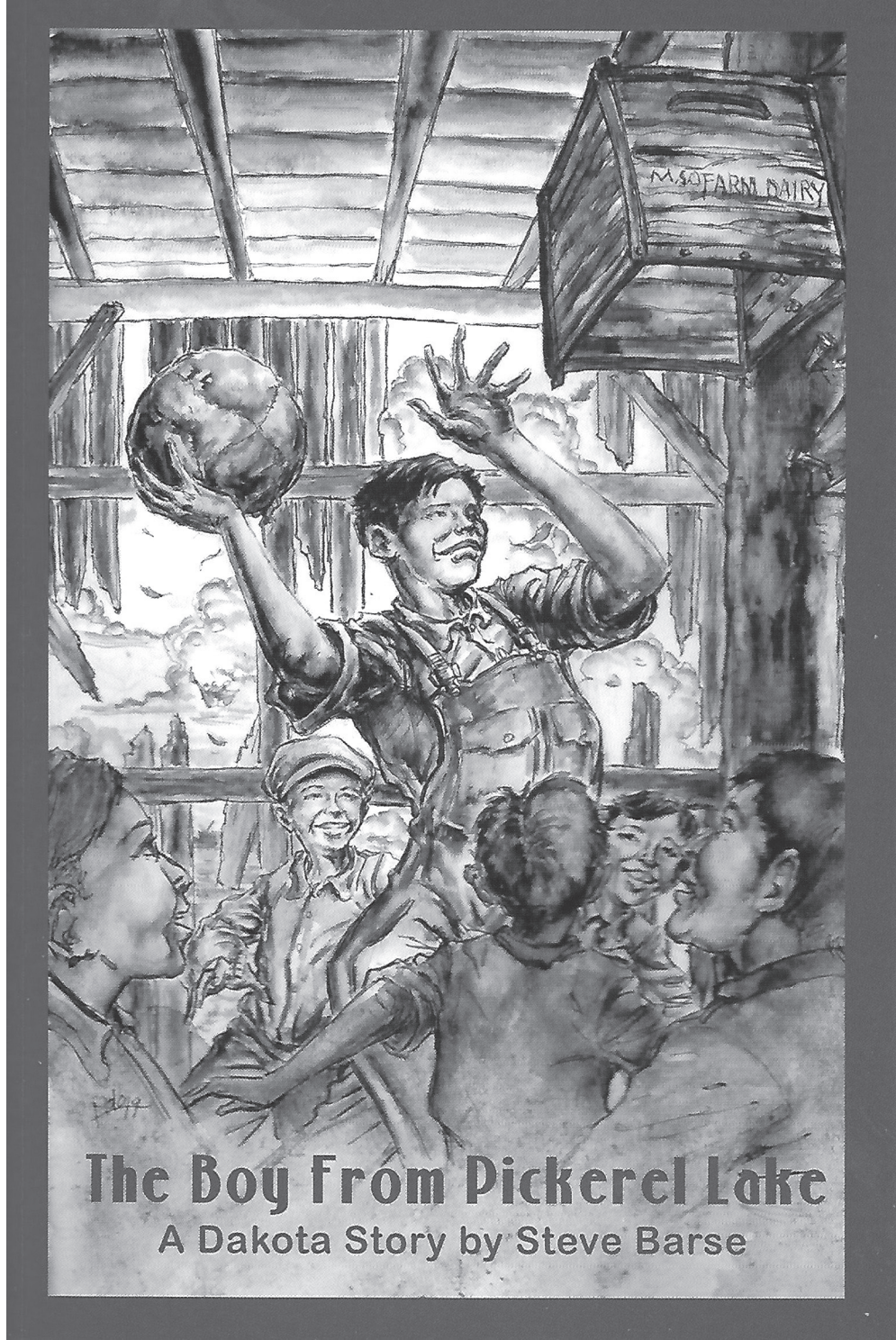
Sessions will cover multiple areas of tobacco cessation including creating a quit plan, healthy behaviors, the truth about tobacco, changing behaviors, coping with cravings, and maintaining change.

Sessions will also include peer interaction and recovery support.

For more information, Please contact DeAnna in Behavioral Health.

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Barse Writes Young Adult Novel: 'The Boy From Pickerel Lake'

Steve Barse from Norman, OK is a Kiowa/Wichita/Dakota Native man who has been writing short stories ever since he was in high school over 50 years ago. In 1985, he was the winner of the Harvard University Graduate School of Education's, American Indian Program, 'Call for Papers' with his short story, Grandson.

In 2007, he published a book of short stories, 'The Boy From Enemy Swim.' Recently, he has teamed with Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing to write a young adult novel, 'The Boy From Pickerel Lake.' Barse's novel is about Bill Sheldon, a native Dakota young man growing up on the Lake Traverse Reservation in northeast South Dakota in the 1930s.

All Sheldon wants to do is play basketball on the public school team. The problem is the public school has never had a native basketball player before. Plus, because of federal rules, Bill must attend a boarding school 100 miles away from his home. In the novel, the reader will learn about Bill's close knit family, and the problems natives faced during this time period. The story is actually based on the true events of Barse's father, Harold Barse.

"Watch as this young man turns the tide of racism in a community through the statement his incredible talent, impressive character, and sheer determination make about who Indians are, shattering the residents' racist stereotypes. This tale speaks to the divisions in America today and points the way to a better nation for us all," said Kim Wieser, Associate OU Professor of English and Affiliated Native American Studies and Environmental Studies Faculty.

Black Bears and Blueberries Publishing is a native-owned non-profit publishing company, with a focus on creating and developing Native books for all young people by Native authors and illustrators. Thomas Peacock, Ojibwe and Betsy Albert-Peacock, Ojibwe created the non-profit in 2017, and The Boy From Pickerel Lake is the 6th book they have published. Patrick Rolo, Ojibwe, a Marvel comics illustrator, was the cover artist for 'The Boy From Pickerel Lake.'

According to the Cooperative Children's Book Center (CCBC), Native Americans are one of the least represented groups in publishing. The CCBC survey cited 5,000 books published between 2002 and February 2015. Of those, only 38 published books were about Native Americans in 2015 and only 20 titles were written or illustrated by Native Americans.

For more information, please contact Steve Barse at s.j.barse@outlook.com or m.barse@cox.net. (Editor's Note: Steve Barse is the father of Sac and Fox Nation tribal member, Jamie Barse)

Why the 'nsn.gov' Designation?

From time to time, a question has been asked as to why the Sac and Fox Nation uses such a special exclusive (and longer) native sovereign nation dot gov Internet designation and name:

The "nsn dot gov" (nsn.gov) designation carries with it more significant levels of legitimacy, trust, and authority than a commercial, "dot com" domain name.

"NSN DOT GOV" confirms that it is an official government website that has been certified, verified, and recognized by the United States Government.

Of course, commercial sub-entities and public political subdivisions of tribal government may also use a commercial dot com designation for commercial-oriented purposes.

Truman Carter

Survey Provides Insights on How Best to Recover From Economic Disruptions

A recent Oklahoma State University study is providing insights about how public and private agencies can best apply resources to speed up recovery from economic disruptions caused by COVID-19.

“Oklahoma officials at every level need to know what people think about perceived economic recovery challenges rather than relying on assumptions, and the study helps with that,” said Amy Hagerman, OSU Extension agricultural and food policy specialist. “Participation was voluntary. In all, we had 796 Oklahomans respond, representing 71 of the state’s 77 counties.”

OSU Extension specialists and researchers with the OSU Department of Agricultural Economics conducted the May 14 to June 3 survey, to which Oklahomans age 18 or older in a business or household could respond. The most common occupations of respondents were farmers and ranchers, educators and Extension personnel. There were fewer cases of COVID-19 in rural areas as compared to urban areas when responses were collected. Key takeaways include:

Although respondents thought the strength of their local economy was worse than in January, they did not believe it was as bad as it could get. That has proven to be the case.

Respondents were asked when the worst effects of the current crisis would be over. This was left up to interpretation – for some the worst effects were health-related, for others economic; 45% of participants believed it would take 10 or more months for the worst to be over. The more urban the area a respondent was from, the worse he or she believed the economy was when surveyed as compared to January.

The greater decline in perceived economy strength in urban counties and county commissioner districts with larger cities aligns with urban areas having greater unemployment increases and greater numbers of businesses negatively affected by COVID-19.

Respondents from urban counties also felt the impacts would last for a shorter

Caused by COVID-19

period than did respondents from more rural counties. OSU analysts suggested this may reflect the closures of businesses in cities versus the longer-term market impacts of agricultural commodities that may be felt more strongly in rural areas.

People in rural communities may have felt more comfortable continuing to shop in their communities, resulting in less of an economic impact.

Farmers and ranchers were slightly more comfortable with participating in group meetings than the average respon-

OMRF Urges Everyone to Wear a Mask to Help Stem the Spread of Virus

As Covid-19 cases reach record highs in Oklahoma, scientists at the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation continue to urge people across the state to wear masks to help stem the spread of the virus and save lives.

Throughout Oklahoma, municipalities are instating new mask requirements to help slow the virus' spread. In Oklahoma City and Tulsa, face coverings are now required for food service employees, and Norman and Stillwater's city councils have overwhelmingly approved ordinances requiring face coverings in most public places.

Mask-wearing has become a hot-button issue for some. But OMRF President Stephen Prescott, M.D., stressed that masks simply serve as a way we can protect fellow Oklahomans from a potentially deadly virus.

"I feel like Oklahoma should be leading the way in this," said Prescott, a physician and medical researcher. "We talk so often about the Oklahoma Standard and its values of service, honor and kindness. Wearing a mask is all those things."

The Oklahoma State Department of Health reported 993 new Covid-19 cases and 4 additional deaths on Tuesday, bringing the state's number of positive cases to nearly 22,000 and 428 deaths since March. The state's first Covid-19

dent as defined by occupation.

Although comfort in meetings increased with the level of rurality, only 66% of respondents in the most rural areas were comfortable with in-person meetings, defined as 10 or fewer people in attendance with social distancing protocols in place. In all, only 56% of respondents were comfortable attending such meetings.

Agricultural Economics Extension Specialist Courtney Bir recently spoke about the survey on OSU Extension's

pediatric death was recorded on July 10.

“If we wear masks in large enough numbers, it greatly reduces the spread of the virus,” said Prescott. “That’s not a political statement. That is a medically proven fact.”

During the 2003 outbreak of SARS, another coronavirus, studies found that mask-wearing was more effective at preventing viral spread than washing hands 10 times per day or wearing gloves. These findings make sense, said OMRF immunologist Eliza Chakravarty, M.D.

“Wearing a mask helps remind you to follow social distancing rules and generally keeps you more aware,” she said. “You’re more likely to stay away from others, wash your hands and avoid touching your face.” The University of Washington’s Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluations projected that widespread mask-wearing could save 45,000 lives by Nov. 1.

Chakravarty said a change of mindset may help motivate people to mask up: wearing a mask isn't meant to protect you from catching the virus, it's designed to stop the spread of the virus.

“Most masks were not developed to protect the person wearing them,” she said. “Masks, traditionally, are put on people who are coughing or sneezing and might spread the virus to provide

agricultural television program SUNUP. “Alternatives to in-person meetings need to be in every public and private agency’s plan of action for the foreseeable future,” Bir said. “It’s important to note this research represents a snapshot in time. As the number of cases changes, and if more rural areas are more greatly impacted, then people may begin to feel differently about their economic outlook. We plan to continue to provide information as needed.”

Counties with the greatest number of survey participants: Payne, 14%; Grady, 9%; Oklahoma, 7%; Muskogee, 6%; and Tulsa, 5%.

some containment. This is why doctors and nurses wear them when performing a procedure, to avoid infecting the vulnerable patient.”

With the U.S. death toll from the virus now in excess of 134,000, Prescott said it isn't too late for Oklahoma to avoid becoming a national coronavirus hotspot. "This recent spike is disappointing but not devastating," said Prescott. "If we redouble our efforts and band together, Oklahomans can still prevent a massive outbreak in our communities, which will absolutely save lives."

Okla. Historical Society Adds Page Featuring Black Experience in OK

by Larry O'Dell
Oklahoma Historical Society

The Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) has released a new landing page on its website that offers numerous opportunities to learn more about the Black experience in Oklahoma. Visit www.okhistory.org/blackhistory to start exploring.

“Drawing attention to the legacy of racism is not enough to make permanent change,” said Dr. Bob Blackburn, executive director of the OHS. “If we are to find a path forward, all of us must understand the complex story of the Black community in Oklahoma. This landing page on our website opens windows to encourage that conversation using collections we have developed over the past 40 years.”

Visitors to the website can explore historic Black newspapers, watch film footage, search online collections and listen to podcasts. Included are biographies of civil rights leaders Clara Luper, Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, Melvin Porter and Roscoe Dunjee; authors Ralph Ellison, Clifton Taulbert, Joyce Carol Thomas and John H. Franklín; and so many others who shaped Oklahoma's history and culture. Lesson plans, e-exhibits designed for students and guides correlating to Oklahoma history academic standards provide educational support for teachers and parents.

Historic topics highlighted include the Tulsa Race Massacre, the Civil Rights Movement, early Oklahoma, and All-Black towns. These resources and more are available at www.okhistory.org/blackhistory.

Black history in Oklahoma is complex and unique. In the early 19th century members of the Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek), Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes brought enslaved people with them on their forced removal to present-day Oklahoma. After the Civil War, these freedmen received tribal allotments. Other formerly enslaved people saw Oklahoma as a possible “paradise,” and some hoped for an All-Black territory or state.

After statehood, the first bill proposed by the Oklahoma Legislature was Senate Bill One, which initiated Oklahoma's Jim Crow era and subjected Oklahomans to racial segregation and the Black community to oppression. In the mid-20th century, Oklahoma was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement. Clara Luper led the charge to integrate Oklahoma City's eating establishments through peaceful sit-ins two years before the famous protests in Greensboro, North Carolina.

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Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on June 26, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.
- 1)

Robert E. Williamson motion to approve DIGI Security Systems Quote #003259 for Blackhawk Casino as presented in the amount of One Million One Hundred Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$1,160,868.25). The funding source is the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission CARES Act Budget. Don W. Abney -2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2)

Robert E. Williamson motion to approve DIGI Security Systems Quote #003261 for Stroud Casino as presented in the amount of Three Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Eighty Cents (\$333,648.80). The funding source is the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission CARES Act Budget. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3)

Resolution SF-20-161, a resolution approving the Black Hawk Health Center COVID-19 Provider Relief Funds Budget in the total amount of Twelve Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two Dollars (\$12,242.00). The funding source is identified as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Jacklyn K. King-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 4)

Resolution SF-20-162, a resolution approving the COVID-19 Emergency Response Budget in the total funding amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00). The funding source is identified as the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board Award. Don W. Abney-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5)

Resolution SF-20-163, a resolution approving the Black Hawk Health Center COVID-19 Indian Health Services Budget in the total amount of One Million Eight Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$1,825,177.00). The funding sources are identified as the Fiscal Year 2020 Indian Health Services Compact Funding Agreement with COVID-19 Supplemental CARES Act Funds. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 6)

Resolution SF-20-164, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Services Paycheck Protection Program Health Enhancement Act (PPPHCEA) in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirty – Four Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Eight Dollars (\$1,234,888.00). Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

Ten Students From Five Okla. Schools Receive National History Day Honors

Ten students representing five Oklahoma school systems received recognition for their projects during the 2020 National History Day (NHD) contest. The national contest is the final stage in a series of contests beginning at the local/regional and state/affiliate levels. This event is held annually to highlight the work of middle and high school students from the United States and several countries around the world who have prepared projects with a particular theme in mind.

The theme for 2020 was “Breaking Barriers in History,” and students presented their work in the form of papers, documentaries, performances, exhibits or websites. The Oklahoma History Center serves as the state sponsor for Oklahoma National History Day (OkNHD) and coordinates the state competition, while various local sponsors manage regional events.

Students begin their journey by presenting their projects in classrooms, schools and regional contests across the country. Top entries are invited to the state/affiliate level contests. The top two entries in each category at the state/affiliate level are then invited to the national contest. In past years, state winners have had the opportunity to travel to College Park, Maryland, for judging in the National History Day contest. However, the COVID-19 pandemic meant an alteration in how this event was traditionally held.

This year, all presentations and entries were uploaded to the NHD registry, then downloaded and reviewed by the judges. The judging panels were comprised of teachers, graduate students, authors, historians and volunteers from various museums domestically, as well as seven international sites. The Smithsonian Institution, of which the Oklahoma History Center is an active affiliate, also contributed judges from its staff, as well as from other national affiliates.

“This year posed many challenges to the students, not the least was the fact that the schools were closed,” said Sarah Dumas, director of education at the Oklahoma History Center and OkNHD state coordinator. “Research on their particular projects had to be done wherever they could find it. It seems that this year’s theme, ‘Breaking Barriers,’ became a reality to all those who participated in this wonderful event.”

Judging for the national contest, also done virtually, was completed between May 23 and June 6. The Oklahoma students who earned honors at the 2020 National History Day competition are as follows:

First Place in Senior Group Website: Evan McCrackin, Justin Yang and Shoab Jamil for their website entitled “For the Rainbow Children of God: Desmond Tutu’s Perilous Conquest against South African Apartheid.” Their teacher at Norman Public Schools is Margaret Wadleigh.

Special Award for Discovery or Exploration in History: Amelia Peoples, Cate Mossman and Kate Schein for their Senior Group Documentary entitled “The Journey to Mars: How Donna Shirley Broke Barriers for Women in Space Engineering.” Their teacher at Classen School of Advanced Studies in Oklahoma City is Billy Tillman.

Special Award for Equality in History: Alexa Delgado and McKayla Howerton for their Junior Group Exhibit entitled “Woman vs. Woman.” Their teacher at Canton Public Schools is Penny Heath.

Special Award for Outstanding Junior State Entry: Zayda Sherwood for Junior Paper entitled “Love Conquers All: How Loving v. Virginia Helped Break Racial Barriers.” Her teacher at Canton Public Schools is Penny Heath.

Special Award for Outstanding Senior State Entry: Jordan Mason for her Senior Individual Performance entitled “Bright Not Broken: The Barrier Between Autism and Agriculture.” Her teacher at Burns Flat-Dill City Public Schools is Patsy Lyles.

National History Day is a nonprofit education organization in College Park, Maryland. Established in 1974, NHD offers year-long academic programs that engage more than half a million middle and high school students around the world annually in conducting original research on historical topics of interest. NHD also seeks to improve the quality of history education by providing professional development opportunities and curriculum materials for educators.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on June 25, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.
- 1)

Resolution SF-20-159, a resolution approving and authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans 2020 Funding Request for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2)

Resolution SF-20-160, a resolution approving the Sac and Fox Nation Gaming Commission CARES Act Budget in the amount of One Million Six Hundred Fourteen Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen Dollars and Five Cents (\$1,614,517.05). The funding source is identified as CARES Act Appropriations. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Don W. Abney-2nd. VOTE: Don-Yes, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Absent, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes

- Please be advised that the following are official actions taken by the Business Committee in a Special Business Committee meeting held on July 2, 2020. These actions are to be followed up by the appropriate departments.
- 1)

Resolution SF-20-165, a resolution adding eleven (11) persons to the Membership Roll of the Sac and Fox Nation in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Sac and Fox Nation. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes. Motion carried.
- 2)

Jared A. King motion to approve nineteen (19) Juvenile Detention Service Agreement Renewals; Beaver County #2019-10-46a, Bryan #2019-11-04a, Dewey County #2019-10-10a, Garfield county #2019-10-11a, Jackson County #2020-02-04a, Latimer County, #2019-10-14a, Lincoln County #2019-10-48a, Major County #2019-10-19a, Marshall County #2019-11-06a, Mayes County #2019-10-20a, Osage County #2019-10-26a, Payne County # 2019-10-27a, Pittsburg County #2019-10-28a, Pontotoc County #2019-10-50a, Pushmataha County #2019-10-52a, Seminole County #2019-10-30a, Washington County #2019-10-40a, Washita County #2019-11-07a, Woods County #2019-10-49a. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes. Motion carried.
- 3)

Resolution SF-20-166, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreements between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Beckham and Cimarron Counties in Oklahoma. Jared A. King-motion. Robert E. Williamson-2nd. VOTE: Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent. Motion carried.
- 4)

Resolution SF-20-167, a resolution authorizing and approving the Detention Service Agreement Between the Sac and Fox Nation Juvenile Detention Center and Custer, Pawnee, and Woodward Counties in Oklahoma. Robert E. Williamson-motion. Jacklyn K. King-2nd. VOTE: Jared-Yes, Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes. Motion carried.
- 5)

Jacklyn K. King motion to approve the purchase of a Sac and Fox Nation Flag to be given to the Midwest Veterans Group, care of Michael Coon. Jared A. King-2nd. VOTE: Robert-Yes, Justin-Yes, Don-Absent, Jacklyn-Yes, Jared-Yes. Motion carried.



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The Massacre at Bad Axe was the Final Fight in Black Hawk War

by Juaquin Hamilton, Sac and Fox Ambassador/Historical Researcher

The “Battle at Bad Axe” was the conclusion of the Black Hawk War. The Black Hawk war was a military conflict between the Sauk, Meskwaki, and the United States Military, led by General Atkinson. The conflict began in 1832 and spanned across northwestern Illinois and southwestern Wisconsin. Sauk and Meskwaki tribal members, led by Black Hawk, crossed the Mississippi River into Illinois in order to return to Saukenuk.

The Massacre at Bad Axe would be the final fight in the Black Hawk War. It was a two-day encounter in which the United States Army and the steamboat Warrior would slaughter the Sauk and Meskwaki tribes that were trying to retreat across the Mississippi River to surrender.

The Black Hawk War was fought throughout Southern Wisconsin between the Sauk and Meskwaki tribal members that were known as the “British Band,” and the United States Military. The fighting took place between May and August of 1832. These tribal members were under leadership of Black Hawk and the United States Military in the area was under the direction of General Henry Atkinson. The “war” was triggered over land disputes between the government and the two tribes.

On July 18, United States militiamen discovered a trail, along which they encountered dozens of starving Sauk and Meskwaki consisting of mainly old people and children. Some of them were already deceased or decrepit, and the surviving were quickly killed. There were groups of warriors that would follow behind to try to slow the progress of the militia. Late in the afternoon of July 21, over 700 militiamen commanded by General Atkinson caught up to Black Hawk’s rear guard at the Wisconsin River. As most of the band crossed the river, Sauk and Meskwaki warriors under Black Hawk clashed with the militia.

The militia had an advantage with their position in the heights above the river, however, Black Hawk’s band found cover in the ravines below. With evening approaching and the militia exhausted, Atkinson broke off the attack. During the night the remaining Sauk and Meskwaki quietly crossed the river.

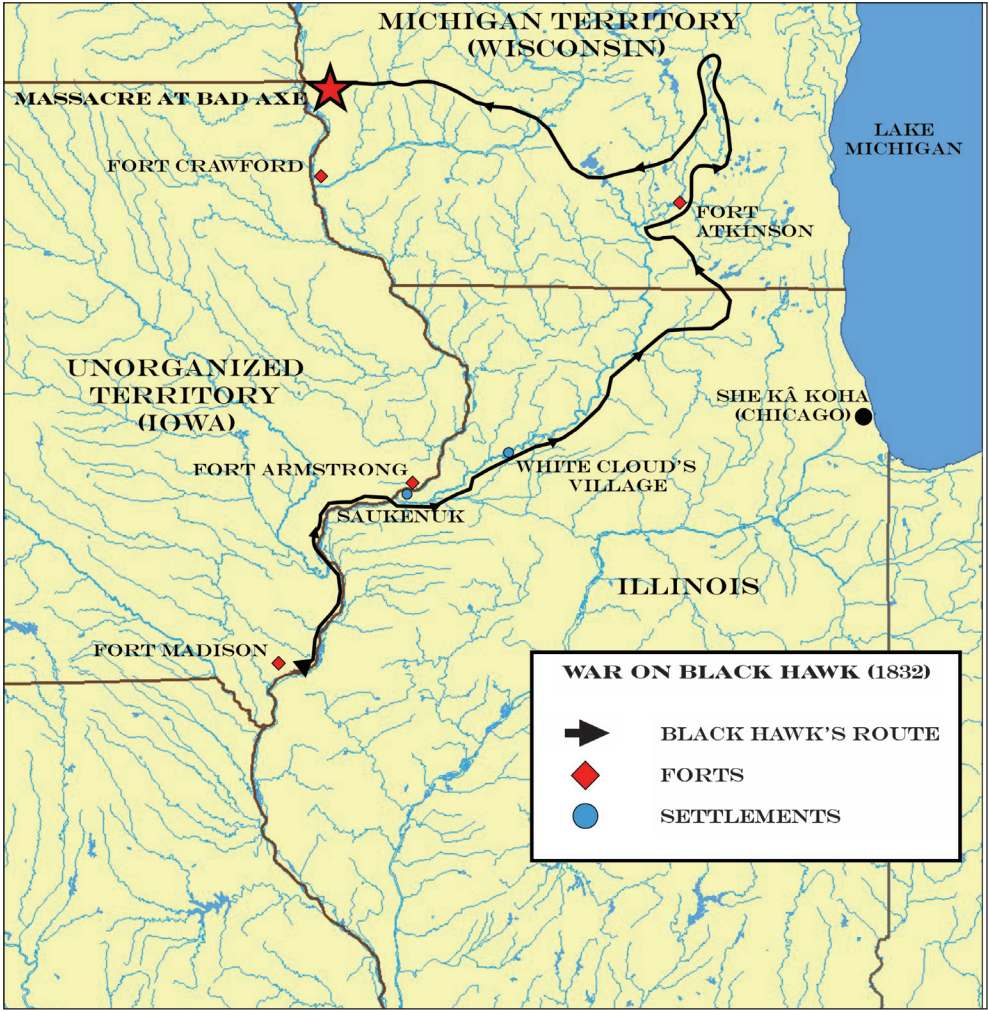
Even though Black Hawk’s band had made it across the river, the Battle of Wisconsin Heights devastated his band of followers. It is estimated that the fatalities for the tribal members was as high as 70, whereas the militiamen had suffered only 7 or 8 casualties. Early the next morning, pleas from the tribal members to be allowed to cross the Mississippi river in surrender were confused on the militia, who were unable to translate the peace offering.

Black Hawk’s band had withered steadily over the three months between its peak size of over 1,000 in late April and the Battle of Wisconsin Heights. Most of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi supporters had returned to their own villages. As Black Hawk’s energy degenerated, his pursuers continued to merge.

On July 27 and 28, almost a week after Black Hawk’s departure from the site of the Battle of Wisconsin Heights, about 1,300 men under Atkinson crossed the river at Helena, Wisconsin. Over the next few days Atkinson’s well-fed, well-rested mounted force swiftly closed the gap between themselves and the exhausted Sauk and Meskwaki.

On August 1, Black Hawk’s band of an estimated 500 men, women, and children reached the eastern bank of the Mississippi, a few miles downriver from the Bad Axe River in Wisconsin. Many of Black Hawk’s followers wanted to build rafts to cross the river as quickly as possible. Some were able to cross the Mississippi that day, but these efforts were interrupted by the appearance of the Warrior, a steamboat bearing artillery and 20 soldiers that was returning southward from a visit to the Sioux. Under a white flag, Black Hawk waded out into the river and tried, once again, to surrender.

Once again, the soldiers could not understand him. After 10 or 15 minutes of failed communications, the soldiers on the Warrior opened fire on the unsuspecting Sauk and Meskwaki. After a two-hour massacre, the Warrior’s fuel supply was nearly exhausted, and it headed downriver, but



not before much of the band was killed. Convinced that safety lay to the north among the Ho-Chunk or Ojibwe villages, rather than across the river, Black Hawk pleaded with his people, but few were willing to follow him. Late on August 1 Black Hawk and 30–40 followers left the main band and headed north. A few more Sauk and Meskwaki crossed the river before darkness made it too dangerous. Most lingered on the eastern bank of the river.

Early on August 2 the Battle of Bad Axe began when Atkinson’s forces encountered Black Hawk’s rear guard, who were temporarily successful in leading the soldiers away from the band’s main camp. The warriors fought to their best ability to allow time for more women and children to cross the river. As Atkinson’s troops pushed the warriors toward the river, the steamboat returned, firing its cannon into the tribal members from behind. The slaughter on the eastern bank of the river continued for eight long hours. The soldiers shot at all men, women, and children, regardless if they were attempting to swim across the river or to surrender. The militia also scalped most of the dead bodies. Of the roughly 400 tribal members east of the Mississippi at the time of the battle, most were killed, some managed to cross the river, and a few were taken prisoner. Most of the 150 or so who managed to get across the Mississippi were tracked down, killed, or captured by Sioux warriors acting in support of the army.

During the month after the “Massacre at Bad Axe”, U.S. Army officers, soldiers, and federal agents with the different northwestern tribes worked to round up anyone associated with Black Hawk’s band. Black Hawk spent much of the month preparing to surrender. Having fled to the northeast and having been abandoned by the last of the warriors who had accompanied him, Black Hawk traveled to the Ho-Chunk village at La Crosse, Wisconsin, where he rested before surrendering to the Ho-Chunk agent at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, on August 27.

Black Hawk remained in custody after September 1 and was conveyed by Lieutenant Jefferson Davis to confinement in St. Louis. In the spring he was turned over to Keokuk. It was in April of 1833 that Black Hawk and a few others were sent to Washington, D.C. After meeting with President Jackson, they were held in Fort Monroe in Virginia for several weeks before being returned to Fort Armstrong via a lengthy route through most of the large cities of the East, where immense crowds clamored to see them.

It is impossible to know exactly how many tribal members died in the Black Hawk War and the Massacre at Bad Axe, but estimates range close to 1,000. Some were killed in the fighting, and others were hunted down by other tribes fighting on the American side. There were many that simply died of starvation. This is a small part of our history. If you are Sauk or Meskwaki and you are reading this, it is because you have an ancestor that survived.

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5	\$2,515	+	\$209	= \$2,724
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2	\$1,761	+	\$286	= \$2,047
3	\$2,222	+	\$286	= \$2,508
4	\$2,683	+	\$286	= \$2,969
5	\$3,144	+	\$286	= \$3,430
6	\$3,605	+	\$300	= \$3,905
7	\$4,065	+	\$300	= \$4,365
8	\$4,526	+	\$300	= \$4,826
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FY 2020 FDPPIR Income Deductions (see 7 CFR 253.6(e))
Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

Earned Income Deduction	Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.
Dependent Care Deduction	Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.
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Home Care Meal-Related Deduction	Households who furnish the majority of meals for a home care attendant are allowed an income deduction equal to the maximum SNAP benefit for a one-person household. The home care meal-related deduction amounts are as follows: 48 Contiguous U.S. States = \$194 Alaska by Area Designations <ul style="list-style-type: none">Urban = \$238Rural 1= \$304Rural 2 = \$370 See 7 CFR 272.7(b) for area designations in Alaska.
Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deduction	Households that incur at least one monthly shelter or utility expense are allowed a standard income deduction (see chart below). Allowable shelter/utility expenses are provided at 7 CFR 273.9(d)(6)(ii).

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FY 2020 FDPPIR Standard Shelter/Utility Expense Deductions Effective October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020		
Baseline by Region*		
Region	States Currently with FDPPIR Programs	Shelter/Utility Deduction
Northeast/Midwest	Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Wisconsin	\$450
Southeast/Southwest	Arizona, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah	\$350
Mountain Plains	Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming	\$450
West	Alaska, California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington	\$400

*If the geographic boundaries of an Indian reservation extend to more than one region per the identified regional groupings above, then a qualifying household has the option to receive the appropriate shelter/utility expense deduction amount for the State in which the household resides or the State in which the State agency’s central administrative office is located.



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**ALL FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY! THANK YOU!!**

HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY

CERTIFICATION	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	HOME DELIVERIES ARE FOR HOMEBOUND AND/OR DISABLED ELDERS. CALL OUR STROUD OFFICE TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY.
STORE	8:30 am - 2:30 pm	
STORE AM INVENTORY	8:00 am - 8:30 am	
STORE PM INVENTORY	2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Sac and Fox Nation Human Service Department is now accepting applications for FY’ 2020 LIHEAP Cooling season for the months of May 1, 2020 through September 31, 2020. You can pick up applications from the Main Office/SMPC (please call to make an appointment and we can take the application to your vehicle) or off the Sac and Fox Nation website. If you have any questions please contact Carrie LaDeaux, Interim Human Services Director at 918/968-3526 ext. 2010 or email Carrie. Ladeaux@sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov.



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Online Petition Seeks to “Take Back What Was Stolen”

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ers, nor did the IOC consider the fact that he’d essentially played baseball for room and board at a time when many Native American youth were separated from their families, forced to live in boarding schools and struggled to survive. In addition, the timing of the disqualification itself flagrantly violated the Olympic Committee rules, since the complaint was lodged over six months after the Games closed in Stockholm, far later than the 30-day time limit they had set for reviews.

A chance to “right” history

After decades of efforts, a group of supporters led by Jim’s children, pre-eminent Thorpe biographer, Robert Wheeler, and his wife, Florence Ridlon, finally convinced the IOC to reinstate his gold medal status. And, while his children were presented with duplicate gold medals in 1983, the victory was bittersweet.

Though the IOC reinstated Thorpe’s records, they designated him a “co-champion” alongside athletes who were previously the silver medal winners, not the sole gold medal winner that he was.

The “Take Back What Was Stolen” petition is a call for the IOC to take the necessary steps to “right” history and restore Jim Thorpe’s proper status as the sole gold medalist in both the decathlon and pentathlon. The signatures and peti-

tion will serve to support the resolution introduced by U.S. Congresswoman Deb Haaland, to compel the IOC to correct Jim’s record.

“This petition is an effort to gather over one million names and voices united in support of Jim and American athletic excellence, and Native American resilience,” said Nedra Darling, Executive Producer, Pictureworks Entertainment.

“In a time where Americans, and arguably people all around the world are confronting their long-held, discriminatory beliefs and behaviors, this is a tremendous opportunity for the IOC to get on the right side of history.” The “Take Back What Was Stolen” petition is just the first in a series of initiatives tied to BRIGHT PATH, the upcoming feature film about Jim Thorpe’s life and legacy from Pictureworks Entertainment. Join the movement and sign the petition at brightpathstrong.com.

Pictureworks Entertainment Tribal partners in BRIGHT PATH include : The Tuolumne Band of Mewuk Indians, The Mohegan Tribe, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, The Tonto Apache Tribe, The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Mewuk Indians of California, Sealaska Corporation, and Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians.

CALLING ALL SAUK AND FOX ARTISTS!

We are looking for Sauk and Fox artwork to hang in the new ‘Soon to Open’ Senior Citizens, Veterans Office and Transportation Building reception area, Stroud, Okla.

This will be on a consignment/loan basis as there are no funds to purchase at this time.

For information, please call Dottie Tiger, 918/290-1754.



Why This Matters:

Native Americans have been invariably impacted by the ever-climbing hurdles and setbacks of systemic racism in the US, and the world of sports is no different. We are calling for the IOC to be part of righting history and taking a step in the right direction to be an agent of change towards ending systemic racism in sports.

Together, we can right the wrongs committed against athletes of color -- starting with Jim Thorpe.

This petition to change the records to reflect Jim’s true and rightful place as the sole gold medalist in the 1912 pentathlon and decathlon events once and for all is merely a first step in a long list of things that need to change in the world of sports to create a more inclusive, equitable field of play and competition.

- Racist depictions of players in media
- Inequitable rules around profit and payment
- Segregated experiences and treatment
- Racist mascots

We need to rewrite the history of Jim Thorpe’s successes to make room for healing, growth, progress, and a more equitable future for all.



#BrightPathStrong Petition

The right path is the “Bright Path” — righting history and setting the record straight on Native American hero and record-breaking Olympian Jim Thorpe’s legendary wins.

Who: Jim Thorpe

A Sac and Fox and Potawatomi Native American who was deemed “World’s greatest athlete” by the king of Sweden after winning both the pentathlon and decathlon events at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm.

Thorpe became the first Native American to win a gold medal for the US — and he brought this victory home more than a decade before Native Americans were even recognized as American citizens by the US government.

He still took the gold in the decathlon with a 25 yard lead despite the fact that his track shoes were stolen before the event. He won wearing one shoe too small and one too big — and mismatched socks to make up for the size issues — as seen in the now iconic post-victory photo of him from the field.

He was unfairly stripped of his medals, and it would be decades until his Gold medals were reinstated.

Official Olympic records still don’t recognize him as the winner, but as a co-champion in his events.

What:

Share the Bright Path Strong petition on social media to raise awareness and encourage the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to finally correct their official records — more than a century later — and recognize Jim Thorpe as the true, sole winner of the 1912 pentathlon and decathlon.

When: Campaign launch July 15th

Action Steps:

- Share a 15 - 30 second video w/copy or a photo of yourself to share how important this is
- Sign and share the petition on your social accounts (link forthcoming)
- Include hashtag #BrightPathStrong #StepintoChange on content
- Challenge someone else to share the petition and encourage your followers to sign and share
- Post a photo of yourself in mismatched socks with the hashtags #BrightPathStrong and #StepIntoChange

2020 PER CAPITA PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Individual must be enrolled by September 30, 2020 to be eligible for the 2020 per capita payment.
 - Tribal members will need to submit a W9 to the Finance Department for the upcoming 2020 Per Capita Payment.
 - Once a W-9 form is received, it will be updated into our system and all payments due will be made at a time of disbursement.
 - If an individual is a NEW tribal member, or has had a NAME CHANGE, a copy of Social Security card is needed for our records.
 - There is NO deadline on submitting a W9. All checks will be mailed, no exceptions.
 - The IRS 1099 form will be mailed by January 31, 2021.
- NEW MINORS . . . PLEASE SEND COPY OF SOCIAL SECURITY CARD SO WE CAN GET TRUST ACCOUNTS ESTABLISHED

W-9 Form

It is critical that the W-9 Form be completed correctly and thoroughly for each individual tribal member. Be sure to fill out your NAME, MAIL-ING ADDRESS, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, and then SIGN and DATE your form.

Required Legal Documents

If you have had a name change due to marriage, divorce, adoption, etc., it is important the Finance Department has a copy of your social security card. All other legal documents should be sent to the Enrollment Department so their records can be updated. Any guardianship or Power of Attorney documents need to be on file with the Finance Department.

Minors

Parents or guardians are responsible for providing a W-9 for minor children; not doing so could result in the minor’s payment not being deposited into the minor’s trust fund account in a timely manner.

Contact information - Finance Department

For identity/security purposes, a W-9 form will not be accepted by e-mail. Completed forms may be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed.

Contact information:

Sac and Fox Nation
Finance Department
920963 S. Hwy 99, Bldg. A
Stroud, Oklahoma 74079

Direct fax: 918-968-4528

If you have any questions, please contact the Finance Department staff by phone at 918-968-3526 or 800-259-3970 ext. 1033, 1038 or 1027.

Tax Liability Notification

What are the withholding requirements for distributions that are made per a Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP)? The first step is to identify the source of funds used for the distribution. Unless the source of funds is specifically exempt from taxation, the amounts that make up the distributions to tribal members are taxable.


Which funds get reported on Form 1099-Misc? Distributions could be derived from many sources, including the profits from a tribal business other than a Class II or Class III gaming operation, interest income on investments, or rental payments from tribal lands. All these payments require a tribe to prepare a Form 1099-MISC

When does a person receive a Form 1099-Misc, Statement for Recipients of Miscellaneous Income? If a person receives **\$600 or more in 1 calendar year** from the same source, that amount must be reported on a Form 1099, and that Form 1099-Misc. must be provided to the individual.

It is only the amount distributed from NET GAMING REVENUE that is subject to withholding. The Internal Revenue Code provides that “Every person, including an Indian tribe, making a payment to a member of an Indian tribe from the net revenues of any Class II or Class III gaming activity conducted or licensed by such tribe, shall deduct and withhold from such payment a tax in an amount equal to such payment’s proportionate share of the annual-ized tax.” The amount to withhold is provided in Withholding Tables found in IRS Publication 15-A, Employer’s Supplemental Tax Guide.

If the Indian tribe anticipates making a distribution of any kind, the Indian tribe needs the tribal members’ Social Security number before the distribution is made. If an Indian tribe does not know a tribal member’s Social Security number at the time of distribution, the distribution is subject to “backup withholding” (at 28% in 2009). (Source: Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Indian Tribal Governments Frequently Asked Questions, Last Reviewed or Updated: April 22, 2013)

Per capita payments could affect any Tribal, Federal, State, and/or Local benefits you may receive or programs in which you participate. The Sac and Fox Nation encourage you to check with your tax accountant or benefit specialist.



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**NAME CHANGE
AND/OR
CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

NAME

PRINT CURRENT FULL NAME (First, Middle & Last)

ROLL NUMBER

SIGNATURE

DATE

A COPY OF THE LEGAL DOCUMENT CHANGING YOUR NAME AND A COPY OF YOUR NEW SOCIAL SECURITY CARD MUST BE ATTACHED.

PLEASE LIST PREVIOUS NAME (PRINT)

DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

OLDNEW

ADDRESS

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CITYSTATEZIP

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STREET ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT THAN MAILING ADDRESS)

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR MINORS REQUIRE A W-9 FORM BE COMPLETED FOR THE BANK. PLEASE REQUEST A FORM FOR EACH CHILD FROM THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, 918-968-3526 ext. 1040 or 1041.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

Date Electronic File Was Updated

Date Sac and Fox News Was Notified

Staff Initials

NOTICE

Why does a W-9 needed to be submitted yearly?

If a tribal member receives income that is taxable, a 1099 must be issued for Tax Purposes. The W-9 also serves as a yearly address update.

Can the allotted minor payment be refused in order to have the entire per capita payment be deposited in trust? Yes, but in order to do so we must still receive a W-9 for the same reasons stated above. We would also need a written statement to that effect to be included with the W-9.

↓ W-9 FORM MUST BE CUT ON DOTTED LINE BEFORE MAILING ↓

Form
(Rev. October 2018)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

W-9

**Request for Taxpayer
Identification Number and Certification**

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.

2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes.

☐ Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC

☐ C Corporation

☐ S Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ Trust/estate

☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ►

☐ Other (see instructions) ►

Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is **not** disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.

4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):

Exempt payee code (if any) _____

Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____

(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)

5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.

6 City, state, and ZIP code

7 List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

SAC AND FOX NATION
920883 S. HIGHWAY 99 BLDG. "A"
STROUD, OKLAHOMA, 74079

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number

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or

Employer identification number

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and

2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and

3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and

4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here

Signature of U.S. person ►

Date ►

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

Cat. No. 10231X

Form **W-9** (Rev. 10-2018)